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DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE

RE: UNITED STATES v. MARTIN L. PADGETT

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today that Martin L. Padgett, age 20, of Brockport, New York, was sentenced by the Honorable Charles J. Siragusa, United States District Court Judge, to the maximum 120 months in prison, fined \$500 and placed on supervised release for life in connection with his guilty plea on August 23, 2005 to possession of child pornography.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, who handled the case, stated that on August 23, 2005, Padgett pled guilty to possessing child pornography images on his home computer. Padgett admitted to using KaZaa, a peer-to-peer file sharing software, to share child pornography images.

Padgett's sentence of 120 months was based on the fact that he was trafficking child pornography by using KaZaa; some of the material involved a minor under the age of 12; he used a computer to commit the crimes; and he engaged in a pattern of activity

involving the sexual abuse or exploitation of a minor.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn, and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn.